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# A conjugacy class of regular operators

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1- Let  $X = \mathbb{C}_{(t,x)}^{1+n}$  with coordinates  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $(t, x; \tau, \xi)$  the symplectic coordinate of  $T^*X$  and  $\mathcal{E}_X$  the sheaf of microdifferential operators on  $T^*X$ . In Kashiwara and Oshima's study of regular systems (cf. [K-O]), the following definition occurs (with a slightly different vocabulary): a matrix of microdifferential operators  $A(x, D_x)$  is *essentially of nonpositive order* if there exists  $\nu > 0$  such that the coefficients of *any* power of  $A$  are microdifferential operators of order at most  $\nu$ . It is shown in [K-O] that any regular system of microdifferential equations  $\mathcal{M}$  with regular singularities along  $V = \{t = \xi_1 = \dots = \xi_r = 0\}$ , is a quotient of a system of the form  $(tD_t - A(x, D_x))u = D_{x_1} = \dots = D_{x_r} = 0$ , with  $A$  essentially of nonpositive order, which enables one to define the monodromy of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Actually, it is shown that  $A$  may be chosen such that it has the following slightly more precise form:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} [A, D_t] = [A, t] = 0, & \text{and } A \text{ consists of blocks } A_{ij} \text{ of } N_i \times N_j \\ \text{matrices of differential operators such that } A_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i > j \\ \text{and } A_{ii} = A_{ii}(x) \text{ is a matrix of holomorphic functions.} \end{cases}$$

When investigating e.g. distribution solutions of regular systems from a microlocal point of view, that is, solutions with values in the sheaf  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}^n}^f$  of tempered microfunctions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , one is led to look for the simplest normal form over some extension of  $\mathcal{E}_X$  to a ring of operators acting on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}^n}^f$  (see remark 2) below).

In particular one has on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}^n}^f$  an action of  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f}$ , the ring of tempered microlocal operators (cf. [An]) and the purpose of this note is to prove the

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A = A(x, D_x)$  be a matrix of differential operators such that (1) holds. Then*

- (i)  $(D_t I_N)^{A(x, D_x)}$  is a well defined invertible matrix operator over  $\mathcal{E}_{X, (0; dt)}^{\mathbb{R}, f}$ , with inverse  $(D_t I_N)^{-A(x, D_x)}$ , and
- (ii) one has  $(D_t I_N)^{A(x, D_x)}(tD_t I_N - A(x, D_x))(D_t I_N)^{-A(x, D_x)} = tD_t I_N$ .

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2- Before going into the proof let us recall the following facts about  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f}$ . Let  $X$  be a  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold. The sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f}$  is the tempered version defined in [An] of the sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R}}$  on  $T^*X$  of holomorphic microlocal operators of [S-K-K], of which it is a subsheaf.

One has  $\gamma^{-1}\gamma_*\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f} = \mathcal{E}_X$ . Also  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f}$  is faithfully flat over  $\mathcal{E}_X$ .

We are going to make use of a few topics of the theory of symbols of holomorphic microlocal operators as developed by Kataoka and Aoki (see [Ao] and the literature quoted there), which we adapt to the framework of  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbb{R},f}$ .

Let  $x_0^* = (x_0; \xi_0) \in \overset{\circ}{T}^*X$  and  $U$  a  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ -conical open neighborhood of  $x_0^*$ . Denote by

$$S(U) \quad (\text{resp. } S^f(U), \text{ resp. } R(U)),$$

the space of holomorphic functions  $p(x, \xi)$  on  $U$  such that for any compactly generated cone  $U' \subset U$  one has :

$$\begin{cases} \text{for any } \varepsilon > 0 \quad p(x, \xi) = O(e^{\varepsilon|\xi|}) \text{ on } U' \\ \text{(resp. there exists } m > 0 \text{ such that } p(x, \xi) = O(|\xi|^m) \text{ on } U'), \\ \text{(resp. there exists } \delta > 0 \text{ such that } p(x, \xi) = O(e^{-\delta|\xi|}) \text{ on } U'). \end{cases}$$

The notations  $S(U)$ ,  $R(U)$  are borrowed from [Ao].

### Proposition 2.

(i) (cf. [Ao]) *There is an isomorphism of vector spaces*

$$\varinjlim_{U \ni x_0^*} S(U)/R(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R}}.$$

(ii) *The isomorphism of (i) induces an isomorphism*

$$\varinjlim_{U \ni x_0^*} S^f(U)/R(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R},f}.$$

In a local coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , the above morphisms take  $x_i$  to  $x_i$ ,  $\xi_i$  to  $D_{\xi_i}$  and  $x_i \xi_i$  to  $x_i D_{\xi_i}$ . In fact (ii) is easily deduced from the calculation in [Ao].

A representative  $p(x, \xi) \in S(U)$  of an operator  $P \in \mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R}}$  for a suitable neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0^*$  is called a *symbol* of  $P$ , and the lower bound of the  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $p(x, \xi) = O(|\xi|^m)$  in a conical neighborhood of  $x_0^*$  is called the order of  $P$  at  $x_0^*$ , e.g.  $m < \infty$  iff  $P \in \mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R},f}$ . As noted by Aoki, (i) of Proposition 2 entails that if  $p(x, \xi) \in S(U)$  satisfies  $p(x, \xi) = o(|\xi|)$  in a conical neighborhood of  $x_0^*$  then  $\exp(p(x, \xi))$  is a symbol of an operator of  $\mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R}}$ . By (ii) we get also :

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \text{if } p(x, \xi) \in S(U) \text{ satisfies } p(x, \xi) = O(\log |\xi|) \\ \text{in a conical neighborhood of } x_0^*, \\ \text{then } \exp(p(x, \xi)) \text{ is a symbol of an operator of } \mathcal{E}_{X, x_0^*}^{\mathbb{R},f} \end{cases}$$

For example, if  $X = \mathbb{C}_x^n$  with coordinates  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , one has  $\exp(x_1 \log D_{x_1}) \in \mathcal{E}_{X, dx_1}^{\mathbb{R}, f}$  whereas  $\exp(x_1 \sqrt{D_{x_1}}) \in \mathcal{E}_{X, dx_1}^{\mathbb{R}} \setminus \mathcal{E}_{X, dx_1}^{\mathbb{R}, f}$ .

**3- Proof of theorem 1.** We have to estimate the growth order in  $\tau$  of the symbol of  $\exp(A(x; \xi) \log \tau)$ . This is done by a straightforward use of norms of matrices of microdifferential operators. (Of course, if  $N = 1$ , the theorem is already implied by (2).)

For a differential operator  $P(x, D_x)$  of order  $\leq l$  we denote as usually by  $N_l(P, s) = N_l(P(x; \xi), s)$  the Boutet de Monvel and Krée formal norm of  $P$  defined as the series

$$N_l(P, s) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, k} \frac{2}{(2n)^k} \frac{k!}{(|\alpha| + k)! (|\beta| + k)!} |\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta P_{l-k}(x; \xi)| s^{2k + |\alpha + \beta|},$$

where  $P_{l-k}(x; \xi)$  denotes the symbol of the homogenous part of order  $l - k$  of  $P$ , and  $s$  is an independant variable.

If  $P = (P_{ij})$  is  $N \times N$  matrix whose entries are (micro-) differential operators of order at most  $l$ , we denote, as usually by  $N_l(P, s)$  the matrix whose entries are the  $N_l(P_{ij}, s)$ . Recall then, that if  $Q$  is another  $N \times N$  matrix of (micro-) differential operators of order at most  $l'$  one has

$$N_{l+l'}(PQ, s) \ll N_l(P, s) N_{l'}(Q, s),$$

where the symbol  $\ll$  means that each entry of the matrix on the right side is a majorant series of the corresponding entry of the matrix on the left side.

We will need the following two estimates. Let  $P(x, D_x)$  be a matrix of differential operators of order at most  $l$ .

Fix  $(x_0; \xi_0) \in T^*\mathbb{C}^n$ . By using Cauchy inequalities, it is easy to see that one may find:

a conic neighborhood  $V$  of  $(x_0; \xi_0)$ , a constant  $M > 0$  and a matrix function  $c(s) = \sum a_j s^j$  holomorphic near  $s = 0$ , where  $a_j$  a constant matrix with nonnegative entries,

such that

$$(3) \quad N_l(P, s) \ll M(1 + |\xi|^l) c(s), \text{ uniformly in } (x; \xi) \in V.$$

If  $a = (a_{ij})$  is a  $N \times N$  matrix of complex numbers we use the notation

$$\|a\| = \sup_{i,j} |a_{ij}|.$$

Then if  $P$  is a matrix of differential operators of order at most  $l$  as before, and if  $s = r$  with  $0 < r < 1$ , we get from the definition the obvious estimate

$$(4) \quad \|P(x; \xi)\| \leq \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l} \|P_{l-k}(x; \xi)\| \leq \frac{l! (2n)^l}{2 r^{2l}} N_l(P, r),$$

where  $P_{l-k}(x; \xi)$  is the matrix of symbols of order  $l - k$  of  $P$  and  $P(x; \xi) = \sum_k P_{l-k}(x; \xi)$  is the total symbol matrix.

*Proof of (i).* The matrix  $A = A(x, D_x)$  being as in (1), we may write  $A = A_0 + B$  where  $A_0 = A_0(x)$  is the matrix of holomorphic functions consisting of the diagonal blocks  $A_{ii}$  of  $A$ , and  $B := A - A_0$  consists of the blocks  $B_{ij}$  with  $B_{ij} = A_{ij}$  if  $i < j$  and zero otherwise. Let  $\nu$  be the least integer  $1 \leq \nu \leq N - 1$  such that  $B_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i, j$  such that  $i + \nu \leq j$ .

For multi-indices  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$ ,  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots) \in \mathbb{N}^{(\mathbb{N})}$ , we set

$$\varphi^{\alpha, \beta}(A_0, B) = A_0^{\alpha_1} B^{\beta_1} A_0^{\alpha_2} B^{\beta_2} \dots \in \mathbf{M}_N(\mathcal{E}_X).$$

Now because of the particular forms of  $A_0$  and  $B$  we get that  $\varphi^{\alpha, \beta}(A_0, B) = 0$  for  $|\beta| > \nu$ . Hence for any integer  $m \geq 0$ , we have

$$A^m = (A_0 + B)^m = \sum_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=m, |\beta| \leq \nu} \varphi^{\alpha, \beta}(A_0, B).$$

Let  $l$  be the maximum order of the entries of  $B$ , then the above formula implies that for any integer  $m \geq 0$ , the matrix  $A^m$  has entries of order  $\leq \nu l$ , and we have

$$N_{\nu l}(A^m, s) << \sum_{0 \leq k \leq \nu} \binom{m}{k} N_0(A_0, s)^{m-k} N_l(B, s)^k.$$

Fixing  $(0; \xi_0) \in T^*\mathbb{C}^n$ , and making use of (3) and of its notations, one may find  $M > 0$  and a matrix function  $c(s)$  holomorphic near  $s = 0$  such that

$$N_l(B, s)^k << M(1 + |\xi|^l)^\nu c(s)$$

holds for  $0 \leq k \leq \nu$  and  $(x; \xi)$  in a conic neighborhood  $V$  of  $(0; \xi_0)$ .

Thus

$$(5) \quad N_{\nu l}(A^m, s) << M(1 + |\xi|^l)^\nu c(s)(1 + N_0(A_0, s))^m,$$

for any integer  $m \geq 0$  and any  $(0; \xi_0) \in V$ .

Reducing the conic neighborhood  $V$  if necessary, we may choose  $0 < r < 1$  and a constant  $M_1 > 0$  such that  $\|N_0(A_0, r)\| \leq M_1$  uniformly in  $(0; \xi_0) \in V$ . Then, since

$$\|A^m(x; \xi)\| \leq \frac{(\nu l)! (2n)^{\nu l}}{2 r^{2\nu l}} N_{\nu l}(A^m, r)$$

by (4), we find by (5) that there is a constant  $M_2 > 0$  such that

$$(6) \quad \|A^m(x; \xi)\| \leq M_2(1 + |\xi|^l)^\nu (1 + M_1)^m,$$

for any  $m \geq 0$  and  $(0; \xi_0) \in V$ .

Fix the determination of  $\log \tau$  in  $\operatorname{Re} \tau > \operatorname{Im} \tau$  such that  $\log 1 = 0$ . We have to estimate the growth of the the matrix-valued holomorphic function  $\exp(A(x, \xi) \log \tau)$

as  $|\tau| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\tau$  in a conic neighborhood of  $d\tau\infty$ . Let  $|\tau| > e^\pi$ , thus  $|\log \tau| \leq \sqrt{2} \log |\tau|$ . Using this and (6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tau^{A(x;\xi)}\| &= \left\| \sum_{m \geq 0} (A(x;\xi) \log \tau)^m / m! \right\| \leq \sum_{m \geq 0} \|A^m(x;\xi)\| |\log \tau|^m / m! \\ &\leq M_2(1 + |\xi|^l)^\nu \sum_{m \geq 0} (1 + M_1)^m 2^{m/2} (\log |\tau|)^m / m! \\ &\leq M_2(1 + |\xi|^l)^\nu |\tau|^{\sqrt{2}(1+M_1)}, \end{aligned}$$

and this holds for  $|\tau| > e^\pi$ , uniformly for  $(x;\xi)$  in a small enough conic neighborhood of  $(0;\xi_0)$ . The choice of  $\xi_0$  having been made arbitrarily, this proves that  $\tau^{A(x;\xi)}$  is a well defined symbol of an operator of  $\mathcal{E}_{X,(0;d\tau)}^{\mathbb{R},f}$  that we denote by  $D_t^{A(x,D_x)}$  (we omit the notation  $I_N$ ).

*Proof of (ii).* Since  $[A, D_t] = 0$  one has  $[(D_t)^A, t] = A(D_t)^{A-I_N}$ . Hence  $(D_t)^A(tD_t - A) = t(D_t)^{A+I_N} + A(D_t)^A - (D_t)^A A = tD_t(D_t)^A$ .  $\square$

### Remarks.

1- The theorem should be more generally true when the matrix  $A(x, D_x)$  is essentially of nonpositive order, but the proof given above breaks down for this more general case.

2- Distribution solutions of regular operators are investigated in [A-M.F]; the above theorem provides an alternate proof of proposition 3.1 of that paper.

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**ERRATUM** to “A conjugacy class of regular operators”

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In the last part of the proof of (i) of theorem 1 a confusion between  $(A(x; \xi))^m$  and  $A^m(x; \xi)$  occurs. The proof stands when replacing

$$\exp(A(x; \xi) \log \tau)$$

with the following matrix-valued function

$$p(x; \xi) := \sum_{m \geq 0} A^m(x; \xi) (\log \tau)^m / m!,$$

then by defining  $(D_t)^A$  as the matrix operator with coefficients in  $\mathcal{E}_X^{\mathbf{R}, f}$  given by the symbol  $p(x; \xi)$ .